

launched by Iranian-backed Hamas. The Iron Dome intercepted 90 percent of the rockets toward the civilian areas of Israel protecting Israeli families.

Allies stand together. Thank you, President Rivlin, for your incredible insight on the murderous threat of Iran. Israel is vigilant in monitoring Iranian intercontinental ballistic missile development, which would deliver nuclear warheads against North America.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

A TAX CUT FOR WORKING-CLASS FAMILIES

(Mr. PANETTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, the child tax credit is a tax cut for working-class families.

By passing the American Rescue Plan, we enhanced, and we advanced this tax cut, so that if you are a parent that works or a parent that cares for children, you will get a tax cut.

We enhanced this tax cut so that per year working-class families will receive up to \$3,600 for each child under 6 and \$3,000 for each child under 18.

We advanced this tax cut so that working class families will get this benefit starting July 15.

Now, in my district on the central coast of California, the tax cut will benefit over 150,000 children and lift 15,000 children out of poverty.

Working-class parents from the central coast to the center of America can use this support to provide healthcare, childcare, and daycare for their kids so that those same parents can continue to work, or better yet, get right back into the workforce.

Madam Speaker, the child tax credit will not only help us recover from the economic shutdowns of the pandemic, it is a tax cut that will lift parents out of poverty, reward working-class families, and really represents what we stand for as a Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RUTH COX MIZELL

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Ruth Cox Mizell, a staple figure in the religious life of this Capitol for decades.

Ruth served as campaign chair for George H.W. Bush, adviser to the U.S. Peace Corps under Presidents George H.W. Bush and Ronald Reagan, liaison for the Capitol Hill Prayer Partners, and was the spouse of Congressman Wilmer Mizell.

She used her positions in and around the Capitol to passionately advocate

for the power of Scripture and prayer on a personal and national level.

Many bible studies and prayer groups take place on Capitol Hill and are attended by a great number of my colleagues in Congress. And these groups honor Ruth's legacy and serve as a reminder that faith is still alive in our Nation and certainly our Nation's Capitol.

I will end with Ruth's favorite scripture quote from Lamentations, chapter 3, verses 22 and 23: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness."

Ruth Mizell was a strong woman of faith and rests in the loving arms and comfort of her Savior.

SALUTING MARK SCHAUERTE

(Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise to salute my departing chief of staff, Mark Schauerte, for his devoted service to my office and to my constituents.

Mark and I have been friends since the third grade, having grown up in Peoria, Illinois, and today Mark is one of my most trusted advisers. His intelligence, decency, and grit informed every initiative undertaken by my office.

I will miss Mark's daily presence and his warm sense of humor. My loss, however, is his family's gain, and I am glad Mark's lovely wife, Chris, and his son, Eddie, will now enjoy more of Mark's time.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mark for his dedicated, stalwart public service, and I thank him for his friendship of more than 40 years. I wish Mark great success in this new chapter of his life.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LAMETTA WYNN

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an Iowa trailblazer from my district.

LaMetta Wynn, Iowa's first African-American female mayor, passed away last week at the age of 87 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

LaMetta was an incredible woman who spent her life in service to her community of Clinton, Iowa.

For 30 years, LaMetta worked during the day at Rock Island Arsenal and night shifts as a registered nurse.

LaMetta's service as an elected official officially began when she ran for Clinton School Board in 1983. For 12 years, LaMetta served on the school board, eventually becoming board president, all while raising 10 children.

In 1995, LaMetta was elected mayor of Clinton, a position she held for 12 years before retiring in 2007.

In 1996, Newsweek picked LaMetta as one of the 25 most dynamic mayors in the country.

Madam Speaker, I thank LaMetta for her service to the State of Iowa, and I will keep her loved ones in my prayers.

HONORING DAVID BROWN

(Ms. CRAIG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I come to the House floor today to honor my constituent, David Brown, from Shakopee, Minnesota, who was recently awarded the Carnegie Medal for an extraordinary act of heroism in our community.

On May 26, 2019, two men began to struggle after entering the frigid water of the Gull River. They were trying to save their friend who was having trouble getting back to shore due to the strong current.

Despite the risk to his own safety, David jumped into the water and successfully brought both men back to the shore while another saved their friend.

It is so important that this heroic act be recognized here on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, and it is my honor to do so.

Madam Speaker, I thank David for his outstanding commitment to our community and his life-saving action.

WISHING THE MISSISSIPPI BULLDOGS GOOD LUCK

(Mr. GUEST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, tonight the eyes of the Nation will be on TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha, Nebraska, as the Mississippi State Bulldogs face the Vanderbilt Commodores to determine who will be crowned the national champion in NCAA Baseball.

Mississippi State will not only be playing for their fellow students, the faculty, and alumni, but also for our great State as they seek to bring home the first Division 1 National Baseball Championship in Mississippi history.

Led by the offense of Tanner Allen, Rowdey Jordan, and Kamren James and the pitching of Will Bednar and Landon Sims, this group of athletes has brought life and excitement back to the people of Mississippi in the wake of a deadly pandemic.

We could not be prouder of these young men and all that they have accomplished. Tonight, I and the entire State of Mississippi will be hanging on every pitch of this winner-take-all game at the College World Series.

Good luck and Hail State.

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INVEST IN AMERICA ACT

(Ms. BROWNLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BROWNLEY. Madam Speaker, this week, the House will consider the INVEST in America Act.

This bill is a critical and transformative component of President Biden's bold action plan to invest in our Nation's infrastructure while creating good-paying American jobs and rebuilding our economy as we continue to navigate through the pandemic.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased the bill includes several of my provisions that make significant investments in building resilient infrastructure to withstand the impacts of climate change, including wildfires and floods, while at the same time putting the U.S. on a path to achieving zero emissions in the transportation sector.

The INVEST in America Act provides us an opportunity to fix our country's crumbling infrastructure while ensuring economic prosperity for America's workers and their families.

I am committed to continuing to work with President Biden and all my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to ensure these historic investments in our future come to fruition now.

This is our moment.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF OFFICER KEVIN APPLE

(Mr. WOMACK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WOMACK. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today.

Arkansas lost one of its finest over the weekend. Pea Ridge Police Officer Kevin Apple was tragically killed in the line of duty while working to apprehend two suspects. When he approached the suspects' vehicle, he did what professional law enforcement officers do. He didn't shy away from the threat. He confronted it. And in so doing, he gave his life for his community.

It reminds us of the supreme courage displayed by the men and women in uniform and the growing dangers they face each and every day. Through his leadership, bravery, and selfless dedication, Officer Apple exemplified the best our State has to offer.

For more than 20 years, he nobly served in law enforcement. He was a protector and demonstrated the principled integrity the badge requires. This heart for service was at the core of his character. Past his uniform, he was known as a good neighbor who was always willing to help others.

Arkansas will never forget his service. I join Mayor Jackie Crabtree and Police Chief Lynn Hahn; his mother, Dalene Hart; stepfather, Richard White; and brother, Kyle Hart, in mourning his loss.

The Third District of Arkansas was blessed to have such a dedicated hero keeping us safe. We will always keep his memory alive.

AMENDMENTS 87 AND 89 TO THE INVEST IN AMERICA ACT

(Ms. CASTOR of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, there is good news. The Congress intends to invest in America through passage of a landmark surface transportation and infrastructure package. This is what President Biden challenged us to do, and we will follow through.

It also comes one year after the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis made landmark recommendations to solve the climate crisis and expand clean energy through a clean energy action plan to cut greenhouse gas pollution, to reach net zero as soon as possible, follow the science, improve our health, and make our communities more resilient to costly climate fuel disasters.

Madam Speaker, over the past year, we have already passed 250 recommendations here in the House and turned 100 of them into law. But now we are going to build on that progress through the INVEST in America Act.

It is the most climate-forward transportation bill in the history of the Congress with record investment in public transit and rail; investments to make roads and bridges more resilient; record investment in electric vehicle charging stations, pedestrian and bicycle trails; progress on environmental justice, clean air, and clean water.

This is good news, indeed.

MANAGING OUR FORESTS

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, radical environmentalists have weaponized the Endangered Species Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, known as NEPA, and are using frivolous lawsuits to block nearly every management project or salvage sale after fire that the U.S. Forest Service proposes.

This has helped result in over 68 million acres of forest land burned in the last decade and over 10 million acres just in 2020 alone.

I am pleased to see President Biden today is speaking about how to address wildfires. One important component I hope he will look into and help rectify is we desperately need to rectify the litigation and the amount of stoppage of forest management that is the result of environmental groups.

These groups have worked very hard to advance the false scenario that climate change is somehow responsible for the increasing vulnerability of forests. This is flatout false. The truth is that the decline of responsible timber harvesting and the lack of active management are undeniably the real culprits.

In California, most forest types historically had, in the past, about 64 trees per acre. They now sit at an average of over 300 trees per acre. Indeed, too much inventory.

We need to get back to basics and manage our forests and help prevent this fire problem.

INVEST IN AMERICA ACT

(Mrs. LURIA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the INVEST in America Act.

I am pleased that this bill includes funding for projects that are critical to our community in coastal Virginia.

The parallel Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel will expand to four lanes, will make the roads safer, and reduce traffic. Updating Tidewater Drive in Norfolk will facilitate access to Norfolk Naval Station, the world's largest Navy base.

The funding will create a much-needed evacuation route for the Sandbridge community and Virginia Beach in the event of flooding or extreme weather, which happens more frequently due to climate change.

This bill will also fund the replacement of aging buses that serve Hampton Roads Transit.

Madam Speaker, finally, the INVEST in America Act will fund planning for the Craney Island Marine Terminal, connecting Route 164 with the Commonwealth Railway that services the Port of Virginia, which is responsible for one in nine jobs in the Commonwealth.

Members of Congress must be responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars, and I advocated for these projects that will support our constituents. Investing in infrastructure strengthens the backbone of our economy, keeps America running, and puts a down payment on the future.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for these critical projects.

FAIR REPAIR ACT

(Mr. MORELLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in support of a simple concept: A consumer's right to repair the goods they own.

For too long, large corporations have used embedded technology to prevent small business owners and everyday Americans from repairing their own equipment. This needs to change, which is why I am proud to introduce the Fair Repair Act to put power back in the hands of consumers where it belongs.

The concept behind this is as old as it is simple: if you own something, you own all of it, including the right to repair it.